

TOWN OF BARRINGTON

PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of the April 4, 2012 Meeting

7:00 p.m., Town Council Chamber

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Michael McCormick, Chairman, Christine O'Grady, Seth Milman, Jean Robertson, Ann Strong, Ina Suuberg and Lawrence Trim
Edgar Adams arrived at 7:53

Absent: Michael Carroll

Also Present: Solicitor Andrew Teitz, Town Planner Philip Hervey and Secretary Valerie Carroll

Consent Agenda

Approval of the March 6, 2012 Regular Business Meeting minutes was tabled.

Public Hearings

Proposed Amendments to Land Development & Subdivision Regulations

On a motion by Mr. Milman, seconded by Mr. Trim, the Planning Board opened the hearing. No further changes to the Proposed Amendments to Land Development & Subdivision Regulations were

discussed. There was no one in the audience to speak regarding this matter. On a motion by Ms. Strong, seconded by Mr. Milman, the Planning Board closed the hearing.

Ms. Robertson moved to approve the amendments to the Land Development & Subdivision regulations. Ms. Strong seconded the motion and it carried unanimously (7-0).

New Business

Request for Extension of Planning Board Approval ;V Allen Rock Subdivision ;V Preliminary Plan

The Board asked that this request be submitted in writing for action at the May meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Strong, with a second by Mr. Milman, this matter was unanimously (7-0) continued to the May 1, 2012 meeting.

Reports & Special Items

Recommendation: Community Development Block Grant Application for Program Year 2012

Before this matter began, Mr. Milman recused himself.

Mr. Hervey outlined the proposed CBDG activity for the 2012 program year. The \$200,000 proposal includes:

„« Home Repair Program - \$32,000

„« Sowams Road Housing - \$125,000

„« Cornerstone Adult Services - \$5,000

„« East Bay Community Action Program - \$25,000

„« Women's Resource Center - \$5,000

„« Community Housing Land Trust - \$3,000

„« Administration - \$5,000

Ms. Strong made a motion stating that the Board finds this proposal to be consistent with the Comprehensive Community Plan. Ms. Robertson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously (6-0).

Review State's Recommended Revisions to Comprehensive Permit Strategy in Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Hervey explained that the State, because of issues raised by Rhode Island Housing, has not accepted the Town's revisions adopted by the Town Council in November 2011. Statewide Planning has provided revised language it would support. The Board supported revising the text changing "§Kassessed for density increases of "one step" in the zoning districtK." to "§Kgranted density increases of up to "one step" in the zoning districtK." Mr. Hervey said that he would check if the State would accept the revised language.

The Board stated it would seek to hold a workshop with the Town Council to discuss the proposed changes to the Zoning Maps. It was suggested that the workshop be held at 6 pm on May 1, 2012, prior to the Board's regular business meeting.

Reports from Planning Board Members

Housing Board of Trustees

Ms. Suuberg noted that, as she is not seeking reappointment, a new liaison would need to step in. Mr. Milman volunteered.

Police Cove Park Committee

Mr. Trim said that the committee has presented to the Town Council. Additionally, the Town has recently learned it has been awarded \$200,000 from the RI Department of Environmental Management's Recreational Development Grant program. He said the Committee would meet soon discuss budget priorities for the project.

Harbor Commission

Ms. Strong said that Brian Hunt has been elected to the Chairman position. She also noted that the Commission is objecting to a proposal to build a lengthy dock off Mathewson Road. The Rowing Club also presented details on its program for 2012, which is essentially the same as 2011.

Comments - Board Members, Council Liaison & Town Planner

Ms. Weymouth said that the landfill on Upland Way will need to be capped soon and CREB is exploring the possibility of turning the space into a "bright field", which would be a field of solar panels.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Strong, with a second by Mr. Trim, the Board unanimously (8-0) voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.